

# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/650,568

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/11/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-13.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

## Attachment(s)

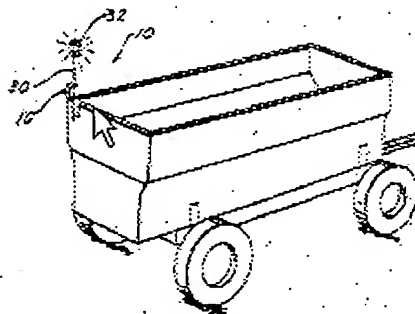
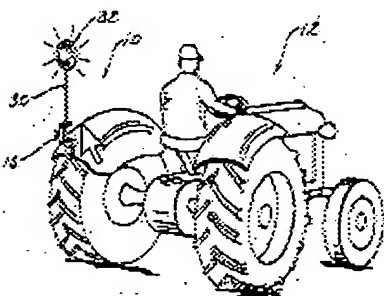
1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the claims recite a first stanchion and second stanchion are located on a rear portion of a vehicle trailer and on a right and left portion of the vehicle trailer, the first and second stanchion extending upwardly from the vehicle trailer, a first and second electrical light that is present within a housing, the housing having a rear concave and colored lens on a rear thereof and having a front concave and colored lens on a front thereof, whereby light that is emitted by the first and second electrical light is visible through the rear concave and colored lens and is visible through the front concave and colored lens, and wherein the housing is mounted on the stanchion and the front concave and colored lens is viewable from a driver's seat of a towing vehicle.

Logan (USPN 3,683,842) teaches warning light connected to the vehicle electrical system, where the light housing is mounted by bracket(s). Logan suggests the warning light (32) is conventional in construction and may be of any type conventionally known in the art (column 2, lines 15-35) and the warning light (32) will be visible in all directions by approaching traffic.



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Because none of the references disclosed the detailed warning light housing having a light source, a front and rear concave and colored lens. Whereby light that is emitted by the light is visible through the front and rear concave and colored lens, combined with vehicle trailer, light housing located on a stanchion on rear left & right portion of the vehicle trailer, where the front concave and colored lens is viewable from a driver's seat of a towing vehicle, nor is there any motivation to combine them, the claims are deemed patentable over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

### ***Response to Amendment***

2. Examiner acknowledges that the applicant has amended claim 1 and newly added claims 5-13.

### ***Response to Arguments***

3. Applicant's arguments, see pages 7-12, filed 7/11/2005, with respect to claims 1 & 3 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The 35 U.S.C. 103 rejection(s) of 4/6/2005 has been withdrawn.

### ***Conclusion***

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4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Capps (USPN 4,715,768) – boat trailer guide

Valdez (Des. 351,115) – combined guide and indicator signal light for attachment to a towing boat trailer


M. Frascadore et al. (USPN 1,498,088) – signal and parking lamp

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jacob Y. Choi whose telephone number is (571) 272-2367. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (10:00-7:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (571) 272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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